

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2004.

Currently, claims 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 27, 28, 32, 33 and 35-37 are pending.

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 27, 28, 32, 33 and 35-37 and rejected claims 1-4, 6-12 and 38-42. Applicants have cancelled the rejected claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that the present application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the above Amendments and Remarks, reconsideration of the pending claims is requested.

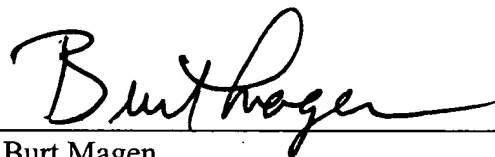
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this document, including any fee for extension of time, which may be requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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